poll reforms, such reforms having far reaching implications would be decided after holding consultations with political parties and other representative bodies. In view of this, it would not be feasible to indicate the time frame by which final decisions could be arrived at.

Taking over of Victoria works by BBJ

2196. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY:

SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newspaper report which appeared in the Business Standard of the 16th June, 1985 to the effect that M/s. Victoria Works will be taken over by M/s. Braithwaite; and

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Government have seen the report published in "The Business Standard" on 16th June, 1985.

(b) Re-structuring of BBJ, decided by its owners, envisages transfer of Victoria Works to Braithwaite & Co. Limited; change in the pattern of share-holding of the constituting companies; retention of residual BBJ without Victoria Works as a separate entity and rationalisation of manpower, as recommended by Industrial Reconstruction Corporation of India on the rehabilitation of BBJ.

Liabilities of BBJ against Provident Fund etc.

2197. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY:

SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the outstanding liabilities of the BBJ company against Provident Fund, Graruity and ESI; and

(b) what programme has since been drawn out for clearing/transsferring the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The outstanding liabilities of BBJ against Provident Fund, Gratuity and ESI, as on 1-7-1985, are about Rs. 42 lakhs.

(b) Special efforts have been made to prevent further accumulation of liabilities and also to reduce them to the extent possible. In the preceding year, the liabilities have been reduced by about Rs. 9 lakhs. The management is continuing its efforts to reduce them still further.

BBJ Construction Company Limited

2198. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY:

SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) in view of the recent development regarding BBJ, what will be the service security and service conditions of the employees working at Victoria Works after its proposed transfer to Braithwaite and other units of victoria work of BBJ;

(b) what will be the status of victoria works; and

(c) what is the reason for shifting of Head Office of BBJ to Burnstandard and Company in Howrah?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Service security and service conditions of employees working at the Victoria Works will eventually be decided by Braithwaite & Co. Ltd., after the proposed transfer of the Victoria Works to Braithwaites is completed.